

My name is Frank Martin and am writing this testimony to voice my opposition to House Bill 2543. This bill will grant the authority to the Oregon State Patrol Firearms Unit to delay a purchase of a firearm permanently even if there is no criminal denial on a background check. Current law under Federal and State statutes allow transfers of firearms after 3 business days as long as there is no criminal denial in the National Instant Background System check.

I fear that the bill is an overreach and is full with giving the OSP Firearms Unit the power to cancel transfers of firearms from both new purchases and between private parties for little reason like, almost 90% of the time, phone system problems, or even to delay of purchase because there seems to be just many people trying to purchase a firearm and someone decides in that office to cancel purchases such as volume of sales.

Despite the rhetoric and the pushing due to news, past shootings, the vast majority of crimes committed with firearms are not even with registered weapons according to the FBI statistics. And with the recent example of Unemployment Checks being delayed, state programs not operating due to COVID. How can citizens be assured that the OSP Firearms Unit not be affected by pressures to reduce personnel or services as it is?

Considering that Oregon State Constitution reads Article 1, Section 27 reads. "Article 1, Section 27 of the Oregon Constitution states: "The people shall have the right to bear arms for the defence [sic] of themselves, and the State, but the Military shall be kept in strict subordination to the civil power[.]" Firearms are used in Personal Defense, and Hunting and which also brings revenue to business and the state coffers but there seems to be a drive by the Democrat members of the Oregon Legislature to eliminate the average person from purchasing a firearm.

Hunting also balances the game population. Or have all the members forgotten 1970's experiment of banning Female Deer Doe's hunting that caused a huge uptake in deer populations and caused more than a few fawns from being killed by cars hitting them? I remember. and I remember being talking Oregon Hunters Safety Course the reason for the road kills. which by the way was taught in class at Hermsiton Junior High School in 1978 as part of the state education system trying to teach good hunting practices. But now with this law, a person may get his right to buy a duck or deer hunting firearm because a State Agency says so.

I fail to understand why the sudden push to declare every attempt to purchase a firearm as an illegal act considering also the 2nd Amendment to the United States Constitution and the Oregon equiv lent acknowledges that right. Or are the anti-gun members of the Democrat Majority using the COVID crisis pushing such a bill with the knowledge that Private Citizens are being denied their ability to go to the capital and speak with their lawmakers on this subject. I detest being accused year after year as being practically a criminal for owning a firearm when I have committed no crime with one.

So I must attempt to submit this testimony as NO on HB2543.

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